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This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), filed on August 8, 2005, for the above-identified application

The request is DISMISSED.

The instant request is that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error, as the in paragraph [00331] "lower plate 101" is misprinted as "lower plate 110".

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The request for corrected publication received on August 8, 2005, was not timely filed under 37 CFR 1.221(b).

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<sup>1</sup>Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

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